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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG XF UN
SUBJECT: PROPOSED UNSC ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 68560

1. AS AUTHORIZED REFTTEL, I TOOK OCCASION OF A CALL TODAY BY FONMIN'S CHEF DE CABINET, AHMED MAHER, TO BRIEF HIM ON OUR THINKING RE UNSC ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST. WENT OVER WITH HIM POINTS CONTAINED PARAS 1-3 OF REFTTEL AND ASKED THAT HE INFORM FONMIN KAMEL AND PRESIDENT SADAT OF OUR THINKING ASAP. ALSO TOLD HIM WE ARE DISCUSSING OUR STRATEGY WITH EUROPEAN STATES, THE SOVIETS, SYRIANS, SAUDIS, JORDANIANS, INDIANS AND NIGERIANS. I KNEW, TOO, THAT USUN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ABDEL MEGUID IN NEW YORK AND WAS SURE THIS DIRECT CONTACT WOULD CONTINUE.

2. MAHER TOOK EXTENSIVE NOTES. HE UNDERTOOK BRIEF KAMEL AT ONCE AND SEND REPORT TO SADAT. HE INDICATED ABDEL MEGUID HAD JUST SENT A MESSAGE THAT UNSC MEETING LIKELY THIS AFTERNOON, BUT THAT IT DOUBTFUL A RESOLUTION WILL BE PRESENTED AT THAT SESSION.

3. MAHER EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION THAT OUR THINKING SEEMS
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TO BE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF PRESIDENT SADAT, I.E. GETTING EITHER A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE OR LEBANESE FORCES POSITION ON BORDER BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON. HE THOUGHT OUR CONCEPT OF UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES REMAINING ONLY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS LEBANESE ARMY READY TO TAKE OVER IS A GOOD ONE AND IS QUITE CONSISTENT WITH SADAT'S IDEAS.

4. MAHER ASKED IF WE HAVE ANY INFO WHETHER THE SOVIETS
WILL COOPERATE OR VETO SUCH A RESOLUTION. HE ALSO ASKED
WHAT USG POSITION WOULD BE IF ARAB STATES REQUEST THAT
PLO OBSERVER BE INVITED PARTICIPATE IN UNSC DEBATE. I
SAID I COULD NOT ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, BUT WOULD INQUIRE.
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